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PRESS TRANSLATION OF SHUKAN POST ARTICLE ON MIDWAY & NUCLEAR WEAPONS
1. FYI. FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN 6 AUG EDITION OF SHUKAN POST,
A JAPANESE LANGUAGE WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE WITH A JAPAN CIRCULATION OF
APPROXIMATELY 900,000. QUOTE. (HEADLINE) USS MIDWAY CREWMEMBER SAYS
MIDWAY IS CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. (TEXT) A COURT MARTIAL WAS HELD
AT THE US NAVY BASE AT YOKOSUKA AUGUST 1. SEAMAN CHAMBERS AND SEAMAN
APPRENTICE MYERS, WHO ARE MIDWAY CREWMEMBERS WERE PUT ON TRIAL. THE
JUDGE WAS LIEUTENANT EASTWOOD. MR COATES WAS THE COUNSEL FOR THE
DEFENDANTS. THE DEFENDER CONTENDED THAT: "THE DEFENDANTS ARE PUT
ON TRIAL ON THE CHARGE OF MISSING MOVEMENT AGAINST THE CAPTAIN'S
ORDER.
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HOWEVER, CAPTAIN'S ORDER FOR THE MIDWAY'S MOVEMENT JUNE 14 IS NOT CONSIDERED LEGITIMATE, BECAUSE THE ORDER IS AGAINST ARTICLE 6 OF THE US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. USS MIDWAY HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS ONBOARD WHILE

SHE IS AT JAPANESE PORT. THE SECURITY TREATY PRESCRIBES THAT IN CASE A US NAVY SHIP HAS TO CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JAPAN, PRIOR CONSULTATION
SHOULD BE MADE BETWEEN THE US AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS. NO PRIOR CONSULTATION WAS DONE FOR MIDWAY'S CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JAPAN. THIS IS AGAINST THE US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. THE DEFENDER
IS READY TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE THAT MIDWAY HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS ONBOARD. THE MIDWAY CAPTAIN'S ORDER WAS ISSUED IN VIOLATION OF THE SECURITY TREATY, THEREFORE, THE DEFENDANTS, WHO DISOBEYED THE ILLEGAL ORDER, ARE
NOT GUILTY." THE JUDGE DENIED THE DEFENDER'S MOTION TO PRESENT THE EVIDENCE OF MIDWAY'S CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE FACT THAT MIDWAY IS

CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JAPAN IS NOT ONLY A PROBLEM FOR MIDWAY CREWMEMBERS BUT ALSO IT IS A MATTER OF PRIMARY CONCERN FOR THE JAPANESE PEOPLE WHO PRONOUNCE THREE NON-NUCLEAR BASIC POLICY (NOT TO MAKE, NOT TO HAVE, AND NOT TO CARRY NUCLEAR WEAPONS). THE SHUKAN POST OBTAINED FROM AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SOURCE A RECORDING TAPE , IN WHICH

1 MIDWAY CREWMEMBER TESTIFIED THAT MIDWAY IS CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JAPAN. THE CREWMEMBER'S NAME CANNOT BE MADE PUBLIC. THE FOLLOWING IS THE CONVERSATION RECORDED AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW: QUESTION IS IT TRUE THAT MIDWAY IS CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS? "SO FAR AS I KNOW,

MY ANSWER IS YES. I ACTUALLY SAW NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD. MY SENIORS SAY THAT YOU CANNOT RECOGNIZE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY VISUAL OBSERVATION. QUESTION? DO YOU THINK THAT YOUR SENIORS ARE SAYING THAT BECAUSE IT WILL DEVELOPE INTO A BIG POLITICAL ISSUE IF IT IS TRUE? "PROBABLY SO.
IF
THE FACT THAT MIDWAY HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS ONBOARD IS DISCLOSED AT THE COURT MARTIAL THIS IS GOING TO BE SENSATIONAL NEWS. MIDWAY HAS SOME BOMBS ABOARD, WHICH ARE NEVER TOUCHED OR MOVED BY ANYONE AT THE TIME
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OF
MILITARY EXERCISES. THESE ARE DEFINITELY NUCLEAR BOMBS, WHICH WILL NOT

BE USED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES." QUESTION? DOES CAPTAIN SHULTE DENY THAT THE SHIP HAS NUCLEAR WEAPONS ABOARD? WHEN I ASKED HIM, HE WAS WARY OF HIS ANSWER BY SAYING THAT HE CANNOT SAY, BECAUSE IT IS A MATTER

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OF SECURITY TREATY." QUESTION. I THINK THE CAPTAIN IS NOT DENYING THE EXISTANCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS? " NO, HE IS NOT DENYING THE FACT BUT HE IS TRYING TO GET AWAY FROM IT." QUESTION. DOES MIDWAY MOVE ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO OTHER SHIPS BEFORE SHE MAKES PORT CALLS AT YOKOSUKA

SO THAT SHE MAY NOT BE CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN? "NO. I HAVE
NEVER SEEN SUCH MOVEMENT." QUESTION WHERE ARE NUCLEAR WARHEADS PLACED IN THE SHIP? THEY ARE STORED ON THE DECK FIVE. THE STORE ROOM IS INVOLVED IN THE SPECIAL WATCH AREA AND MARINE GUARDS HAVE A 24-HOUR

LOOKOUT FOR THE AREA. THE MARINE GUARDS ARE ORDERED TO SHOOT ANYBODY WHO TRIES TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE AREA." QUESTION. WHO DOES HANDLE NUCLEAR WARHEADS? "STAFF MEMBERS OF THE US NAVAL AIR FORCE 'G' DIVISION DEAL WITH NUCLEAR WARHEADS." QUESTION. HOW MANY CAN CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS? "TWENTY OR THIRTY MEMBERS OF
THE TOP SECRET MEETING ON BOARD." QUESTION. DO YOU THINK THAT THE GOJ KNOWS THAT THE MIDWAY IS CARRYING NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JAPAN? "YES, IT DOES. THE US AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS ARE PASSING OVER THE FACT BY A TACIT AGREEMENT." QUESTION. WHAT IS THE SIZE OF NUCLEAR BOMBS? "THEY HAVE A LENGTHOF 12 FEET AND A DIAMETER OF TWO FEET". QUESTION. WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN SIZE BETWEEN NUCLEAR AND REGULAR BOMBS? "THE
MAXIMUM LENGTH OF REGULAR BOMBS IS SIX FEET." QUESTION. HOW CAN YOU RECOGNIZE NUCLEAR BOMBS AMONG REGULAR ONES? "NUCLEAR BOMBS ARE PAINTED

SILVER AND HAVE A SIGN 'DANGER OF RADIATION.' ALL BOMBS ABOARD ARE CLASSIFIED BY FOUR COLORS: YELLOW, RED, BLUE, AND SILVER. THE TOP CLASS ONLY KNOWS THE DIFFERENCE OF FOUR TYPES, BUT I AM SURE THAT THE SILVER PAINTED ONES ARE NUCLEAR BOMBS." QUESTION. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MIDWAY'S STAY IN JAPAN? "MIDWAY IS DISPATCHED TO PROTECT
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THE INTEREST OF AMERICAN ENTERPRISES IN JAPAN. THE MIDWAY'S PRIMARY MISSION IS LIMITED TO GROUND DEFENSE OPERATIONS. IF JAPAN IS INVADED BY FOREIGN MILITARY FORCE, MIDWAY WILL BE USED TO DESTROY US MILITARY FACILITIES IN JAPAN SO THAT THE FACILITIES AND MILITARY SECRETS MAY NOT BE OBTAINED BY THE ENEMY." (END OF INTERVIEW.

ARTICLE CONTINUES:) NUCLEAR WEAPONS ARE BEING CARRIED IN JAPAN. JAPAN IS MADE A TARGET OF THESE WEAPONS. OUR TAPE REVEALED THE SHOCKING NEWS. ATTORNEY COATES SAID: " I AM PROHIBITED BY THE JUDGE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENT ABOUT NUCLEAR WEAPONS OUTSIDE THE COURT. IF I DISCLOSE THE MILITARY SECRETS WHICH I KNOW ABOUT IN CONNECTION WITH THE
DEFENSE AT THE COURT MARTIAL, MY ATTORNEY LICENSE WILL BE CANCELLED. ANYWAY, IT IS QUITE NATURAL THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME MILITARY

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SERVICEMEN TO TESTIFY TO THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN JAPAN."
NOW IS THE TIME FOR JAPAN TO GET DOWN TO THE GRASSROOTS OF THE
US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. UNQTE HODGSON

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